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**Request for Correction of Inventorship
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), correction of inventorship in the above identified case by the addition of joint inventor David S. Utley.

As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), accompanying this Request are:

1. A statement from David S. Utley that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intent on his part (TAB 1).
2. A Declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.63 (TAB 2).
3. An assignment, executed by the actual inventors, with a Request for Recordation (TAB 3).
4. The written consent of the assignee (TAB 4).
5. The processing fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

A check payable in an amount to cover the requisite processing fee for this Request to Change Inventorship and Request for Recordation of Assignment is attached. You are authorized to charge any excess fees, or to credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360. A copy of this Request (without attachments) is attached for this purpose.



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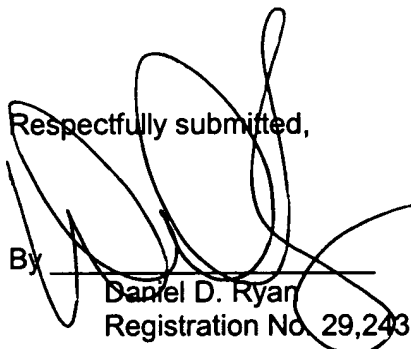
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Approval of this Request is respectfully solicited.

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STATEMENT OF DAVID S. UTLEY
REGARDING CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)

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I, David S. Utley, do understand that a Request has been made to change the inventorship of this application by adding me as a joint inventor. I state that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intent on my part. I, together with my fellow joint inventor, have executed a new Declaration.

I know that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the patent issued hereon. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Dated 3-29-02

By David S. Utley
David S. Utley